

REMARKS

Applicant understands that an Advisory Action will be mailed in response to the Request for Reconsideration submitted on December 14, 2009. As the six month due date set by the Final Office Action is January 14, 2010, Applicant respectfully submits this Response along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and requests an interview with the Examiner prior to action on the RCE.

By this Response, claim 16 is added. Payment for the extra independent claim is submitted herewith.

Applicant respectfully urges that the cited documents of record, alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest the claimed configurations or the claimed method which prevent the deposition of reaction-by-products on important jet valve elements. See, for example, paragraphs [0034] to [0036] of the instant specification in the regard. New claim 16 is similar to current claim 1, but also specifically calls for this result of prohibiting reaction-by-product deposition on the recited valve components.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully urges that new claim 16, and previously pending claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 9, and 13-15, are novel and unobvious.

Interview Request

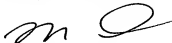
Applicant respectfully requests either a telephonic or a personal interview prior to further action on the merits.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to **Deposit Account No. 02-4300, Attorney Docket No. 033082 M 297.**

Respectfully submitted,
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